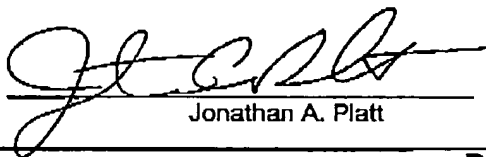


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Dear Sir:

Further and favorable consideration of the above application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments presented in the following listing of claims, and in view of the following remarks.

This is essentially a re-submittal of the Reply filed November 30, 2004. It is being re-submitted to allow the Examiner to consider the matter of the premature nature of the final rejection, we was raised in the previously filed Reply, but was not addressed.

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